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NEW PROJECTS OF GAS PIPELINE TO GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned five new projects of gas pipeline to Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) to be laid in the next three years;

(b) if so, the details of these projects alongwith the amount involved and time frame for completion;

(c) whether it has been assured that sufficient amount of gas would be available to GAIL for these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Government has authorized GAIL to lay five new gas pipelines, namely, Dadri-Bawana-Nangal pipeline, Chainsa-Jhajjar-Hissar pipeline, Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline, Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline and Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore-Mangalore pipeline.In accordance with the condition of authorizations, each project has to be completed within 36 months of publication of the respective first notification under Section 3(1) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 in the official gazette.

(b): The estimated cost of 620 km Dadri-Bawana-Nangal pipeline (including spurs) and 450 km Chainsa-Jhajjar-Hissar pipeline (including spurs) is Rs.2500 crore and Rs.1000 crore respectively. The completion schedule for both these pipelines is 2009-10 (first phase) & 2010-11 (second phase).

As regards the other pipelines, their completion will be synchronized with availability of gas source and customer demand. Specifically, the completion of the Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore-Mangalore pipeline will be synchronized with availability of gas source and completion of Petronet LNG Limited (PLL)'s RLNG terminal at Kochi, which is likely to be completed by 2011-12. The estimated cost of Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore-Mangalore pipeline (862 km main and 250 km spur) is around Rs.3500 crore. The estimated cost of Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline (730 km main and 800 km spur) is around Rs.4000 crore. The estimated cost of Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline (800 km main and 1250 km spur) is around Rs.7500 crore.

(c) & (d): GAIL has considered the availability of indigenous gas from KG basin fields of RIL, ONGC and GSPC, as also ONGC's Mahanadi fields. GAIL has also signed agreement with RIL for transportation of gas from RIL's KG D 6 field. Further, RLNG from Petronet LNG Limited (PLL)'s existing terminal at Dahej and planned terminal at Kochi, as also Ratnagiri Gas and Power Project Limited (RGPPL)'s Dabhol terminal, has been considered as a source of gas.